Synopsis of Chapters Already Published

Bess Brown, daughter of a banker in the town of Marshall, refuses at the eleventh hour to clope with Jim Holden. After leaving her Jim comes upon a tramp, who turns out to be Harvey Snow, a freight train bound for Dewitt, where Snow dies of an injury he has received, after Jim has promised to deliver a certain envelope to the tramp's mother at Wickenburg, Arizona, and has taken oath not to reveal his identity. At Dewitt Holden is arrested and searched, and the envelope is found to contain fifty one hundred dellar bills. As two such envelopes have been stolen the night before from Brown's bank in Marshall he is held on suspicion of the robbery and of the murder of Harvey Snow. In his suitcase, left beside the milroad track, a man named Barlow discovers further evidence against him. Jim's lips are sealed by his oath to Snow, and by his fear of implicating Bess' brother, George, whom he suspects of the robbery. Bess also suspects het hrother, and believes that her cousin, Tom Griswold, knows something a freight train bound for Dewitt, where

ecis her brother, and believes that her busin. Tom Griswold, knows something bout the case.

Jim is convicted of murder and senaced to death three weeks being allowed on in which to carry out his last wish sending \$5,000 to Arizona. He chooses as Frown as his messenger. On her busin's desk Bess find a note, signed Harvey," which she keeps as important idence for Jim. On the train to Wickburg she meets a young woman, a Missickson, who cleverly manages to substiackson, who cleverly manages to substi-ute her suitcase for Bess' containing the usney and note. In Miss Jackson's suit-ase Bess finds two letters sgned "B." Her search for Mrs. Snow results in fail-

CHAPTER XXXVII. PRESSED FOR TIME.

HE prison attendant approached Bess and handed her a note. She To show his confidence, a few min- glary to Miss Brown. message was, and it rather start- were talking.

Opening it hurriedly, she read:

"JIM." the cell where the tramp was confined evening I have a friend that will get against her cousin Tom growing within

conversation later. "Can't always tell," replied the felan' other tiems it hurts me mouth ter and, mind you, as you value your life,

She turned to the man Jim had sent sees anybody he's apt to shoot. He'll the with the message and told him to carry be desperate. By the way, you might who word to Jim that she would be there on get a small revolver for him and stuff

she almost bumped into a man. Draw- his hands easier." ing back confusedly, she looked at him. Jim had said all this in such a pe-

you; it's real important," he replied. managed to ask. "Sorry," answered the girl, "but just, "It's a very "All right." said Tom, and Bess hur- had approached nearer, "but your time

When she had gone a little further a today.'

the matter. She remembered the inci- "It's my way." dent Gordon had told her about Jim Exchanging good-byes, each with a being nearly caught with the button peculiar tremor that had not been apthat contained a plan of escape.

Then she understood why the guard who conducted her seemed suspicious, and why he stood right at her side when hey stopped in front of Jim's cell. "Oh, hello!" cried Jim, jumping up

from his cot and approaching the bars. Bess noted with a pang that his face was much worn. His eyes seemed to be the only movable things in his head. the tree to which Jim had referred. the thinness of his face and the dark prominently. Bess could see the edge Health Department to Inemaciated, starved, shipwrecked man. ferred to. He was a most pitiable sight.

I'm so glad you came at once. I as worried for fear that the messenger would be unable to find you."

oting his apparent agitation. "I've been worrying over this Mrs. Snow business, girl," he replied slowly, of the matter. Understand, I realize that you did your best, and I certainly couldn't expect you the prisoners that Jim had met in jail. declared by Health Officer W. C. Wood to do the impossible---'

"But, Jim, I could have tried harder," she broke in, a wave of emotion chok-

tainly did you best. But I wish you'd money from his lawyer and the \$5,000 Department of every stable in the just tell me the details-" He broke off quickly. The guard had

addenly been called away by one of move on the prisoner's part could mean. Shirley F. Murphy, medical officer of the prisoners. With furtive eyes Jim. watched the man, while his lips breath- once," said Gordon, "but I can't imagine, ed to Bess in a low tone.

this mission for me tonight."

"Oh, Jim, let me try again. I'm so-" with a low warning to silence.

word. He'll be back in a second and I description for." must arrange this. Get that money. It's about \$600. Also get the \$5,000 you have. Ity seems to be affecting his mind. He There's a tree opposite water tank. It's | isn't himself at all. I do hope he won't an old tree, the nearest one to the do anything foolish. But you can't ever

His shifting eyes had found that the "Oh, I hope he won't do anything rash guard was returning to Bess' side. before we get a chance to see the gov-Changing back to his former line of ernor about his pardon. That tramp I

talk, the prisoner said, easily: about your trip to Wickenburg, Bess. I I can get his story, and that will put us was so worked up over your failure right where we will have all the threads before that I couldn't pay any atten- together."

you come to finding Mrs. Snow?" cealing her excitement with difficulty, pump him."
for she feared that the guard might "I think I shall go over there now have overheard the last part of Jim's and see if I can't find out something the

speech about the money. "The point is, how close," the prisoner continued. "Did you get any good clue - "Yes; but I don't want to miss any

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have much time."

Arrived at her aunt's home, the girl

A greeting came to ner is she pas

What are you doing here?" she ask-in a worried tone.

owly, "to go back to your father. oor man, he's worried to death. He not half himself. He almost believes hat he sent you away and he takes imself to task for it every minute, I

was Tom Griswold.

She stepped in to see

ago, and had then been very poor." "No one heard of her afterward?" queried Jim.

"Well, that's not very encouraging, been tampering with him since then?" Still, I don't know but what it would Gordon inquired. be as well, after all, if she were dead. No, of course not," he corrected himself quickly, 'she isn't dead. She mustn't be that. It isn't time yet. Things had left," are not completed."

"I doubt if she could be found, said Bess, trying to express the double meaning with her eyes, as the guard fair. But I wouldn't say that to any turned at her side.

"Well, there's no chance now, guess. I've got just nine days left see that tramp this afternoon. I'll see to live," sighed Jim. "Tomorrow they about the money for Jim and get it take me to solitary confinement to to the place he mentioned before sixspend my last week of grace." "Oh, Jim!" she cried in agony.

"Yes, that's it . Oh, well, it won't be so hard. They don't like to have horse, and went to the town jail to see condemned man mix with the other the tramp. prisoners; it's bad for their morals, you know." "Jim! Jim!" she cried, putting

er little hand quickly to silence him. fectually closed his mouth with money. "Pardon me, miss," broke in the guard, eying her critically, "you ain't him she was certain that was the case. llowed to put your hands into the He was taciturn and non-committal. It cell please keep them outside."

Bess turned such an innocent face that he had been tampered with, up to him that the guard was sorry he Bess tried all the strategy at her had spoken, feeling that such a girl command, but to no avail; the tramp's in the year. could not be guilty of passing any- mouth was sealed and now he even thing in to her prison lover.

could not imagine what the utes later he strolled away, while they Bess did not know how to cope with "Quick, Bess, we've another second. futile talk she took her leave, deter-

Bess: Must see you at once. Come knows it; we've spoken of it often in tramp until the last minute, in the hope here before 3 this afternoon.

There's a woodpecker's hole, shout what is what is would change his mind and tell Boom. There's a woodpecker's hole, about what he had seen. If argument did no eight feet up, on the side away from good she would try to buy him. Not understanding at all what the track. Get the money all together Discouraged by her unsuccessful inurgent message was about, but knowing and give it to Gordon. Tell him to terview, Bess mounted her horse and that she must go, Bess turned back to put it into the tree before 6:30 this returned to her aunt's, a bitterness

"But will it be safe?" objected Bess. he was back of the whole affair and conv "Perfectly. Tell Gordon to be sure that he had bought off the tramp. "Sometimes I feels like talkin' nobody sees him when he puts it there," don't let anybody be there at seven Bess had no time for further talk tonight. If the man I am going to send and entered the house. that into the hole, to cork up the mon-As Bess rushed out of the little jail ey. Then he'll be able to find it with

'Oh, it's you, Tom," she said quickly, culiar tone of voice that Bess was cognizing her cousin.

"Yes, Bess, and I want to talk to "Who-who is this man, Jim?" she

now I have something far more im- "Shhhh!" Bess broke in, for the guard portant. If you call at aunt's this af-ternoon I can see you, after 5 o'clock." "Sorry," said the latter, when he

had approached nearer, 'but your is over for is up. The visiting hour is over for iteel sure."

"But I left of my own accord," obwhen she had gone a little further a today, sudden notion possessed her to turn Bess gave Jim a fonging look. She jected Bess.

"I know, but he thinks he drove you a wound. As she faced about she saw wanted to know who the man was to it to it to it to it.

'I wonder what he's going to do in sion. But there was no answer that she Bess

Then the girl hurried on to her aunt's, precured a horse, and started at once for the State's prison.

Reaching the jail, she was shown to Jim's cell. The guard that conducted her had a suspicious air about him. The whole atmosphere of the place was pregnant with the spirit of a great hap-pregnant with the spirit of a great

parent before, they parted. CHAPTER XXXVIII.

WHAT THE BELL TOLLED. ESS left the prison grounus and galloped back to Marshall. On

her way she drew up near the water tank and easily located They were so prominent on account of It was a big trunk that stood out lines below that to Bess he locked an of the woodpecker's hole Jim had re-

It bothered her greatly to think that she had failed in her mission and that another was to take her place. She racked her memory trying to think of "What is the matter, Jim?" she asked, any person Jim knew sufficiently well of whom to ask such a favor. It could not be Gordon, for he knew nothing

Bess wondered if it could be one of breeding place of the pest, has been That seemed hardly probable.

Instead of going home, Bess stopped | For the purpose of waging an ized campaign the Commissioners at the house where Gordon lived and gave him Jim's message. After he had agreed to get the balance of Jim's to require the registration at the Health that Bess held in trust, they fell to trict. wondering together what this sudden spected.

"It must have come to him all at health for London, d to Bess in a low tone.

for the life of me, who it is that he is files within 200 yards of a stable following with this mission. There's ing the cleaning of that building. awyer has a little of my money left, nobody except you that he would be I've a friend that's going to undertake willing to trust, unless it were I, and

"It is funny," replied Bess thoughthe hasn't said a word to me about it." liess interrupted, but Jim stopped her fully. "He said the man would be a desperate fellow, and I can't imagine "Sshhb" he whispered, "don't say a what he wants to get anybody of that

> "Poor Jim," sighed Gordon, "Captivtell. A man like that, with absolutely no hope, becomes pretty desperate.

saw this morning holds the key to the "Now, please give me all the details whole situation," Bess rejoined. "I think

tion to what you said. How close did 'If you got anything out of him you're a wonder, Miss Brown," remarked the "Not very close," answered eBss, con- other. "I certainly tried my best to

more from him," aded Bess.

"It's pretty late," cautioned Gordon. "Yes; but I don't want to miss any chance," Bess replied. "Some one might from the county lax roll and have them "Nothing, except that she had been have seen me there this morning and brought into court.

"How did you know that I went to Arizona?" she put in quickly.

"How do you know anything about Mrs. Snow?" cried Bess, as the man caught himself and began to stammer in

"Well-er-you see," he began, "It's been talked of so much around town

sisted. "Is she the mother of Harvey Snow?" could be bought. He would hold his tongue about the story for a fair price I am sure." "Do you suspect that any one ha

Bess hesitated for a few minutes then she answered slowly: "I saw Tom go in there just after "And it's Tom that you suspect?" Yes, I'm pretty sure from his actions that he's back of the whole afbody else. I can't be sure, you know. "Well, then maybe you had better

thinking of Tom, and wondering just Prince streets. The deed was recorded BOYS-Colored, to distribute circulars. A bow far he was guilty. Another thought came to her. Who thirty. it's half past four now; I won't Bess left him at once, mounted her

The clock struck half past six, and A sudden change had come over him a maid announced dinner. Bess feared that she was too late, that some one had forestalled her and ef-After ten minutes conversation with

Rushing to her own room she threw was perfectly evident from his manner open the window to get a breath of air. It was already black night outside, the day being one of the shortest

denied that he had mentioned the burthree miles away, thinking of Jim. this situation. So, after some further The tree will be easily found. Gordon mined, however, to work upon the on the wind. What did it mean at that

A dull, ugly roar came across the fields.

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The sound was repeated.
"Good heavens!" cried Bess, going cold, a fluttering sensation coming over ther. "It is the cannon at the jail. A convict has escaped rrom prison!"
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"Why, that's where Mrs. Snow---

and I've-er-heard about-" "But no one has heard about Mrs.

Snow. Who is she, Tom?" the girl per-

"Why, how am I to know?" he cried, You told me all I knew about him." He stammered, tried to reply, finally ound the water too deep for him and

found the water too deep for him and changed the subject.

After a few minutes of talk about trifles, Bess brought the subject back to Mrs. Snow, Tom was plainly perturbed. He excused himself abruptly, saying that it was quarter past six and he would have to get home to dinner.

When he had gone, Bess sat in a When he had gone, Bess sat in a brown study for some minutes. She was thinking of Jim and wondering who Arizona this second time. She was also bounded by Lee, Duke, Union, and

was the man Brander that was supposed to live in Dewitt? There were many things she must find out in very

Bess started. She was hot and confused. Before appearing at the table she would have to wash and recover her usual appearance in order not to will be held at the Young People's buildexcite her aunt's curiosity.

As she stood for a moment at the window, she stared into the darkness in the direction of the State's prison, At that moment her ears seemed to catch the sound of a bell tolling, borne

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